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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to present my thirty-sixth Annual Report on the Health of your District.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	4,083
Population Census 1921	3,229
" " 1931	4,724
Estimated Population 1937 (Mid-year) ..	5,203
No. of inhabited houses at end of 1937	1,628
Rateable value	£41,580
Sum represented by a penny rate ..	£162

Social Conditions.

The population, which is steadily increasing, is industrial and residential, a large percentage being employed in Leicester. The chief local industries are the manufacture of hosiery & shoes. Nearly half the population resides in the Grange Ward which is part of the chief residential suburb of Leicester. It includes a number of modern detached residences of high rateable value and also a number of modern working-class dwellings.

Vital Statistics.

Births,	legitimate	M. 32	F. 27	Total - 59
"	illegitimate	M. 1	F. 1	Total - 2
	Totals:-	33	28	61

Birth Rate (corrected)	11·7
Birth Rate for England & Wales	14·9
Still-births 2 legitimate, 1 illegitimate ..	3
Deaths Males 29. Females 38. Total	67
Death Rate	12·8
Death Rate (corrected for age and sex distribution)	13·1
Death Rate for England & Wales	12·4
Deaths of Infants under one year of age 2 (both legitimate)	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 births	32
Infant Mortality Rate for England & Wales	58

Causes of Death.

	Males.	Females.
All Causes.	29	38
Influenza	-	1
Tuberculosis of respiratory system ..	-	1
Other tuberculous diseases	-	-
Cancer, malignant disease	1	6
Cerebral haemorrhage etc.	4	3
Heart disease	8	5
Other circulatory diseases	-	3
Bronchitis	2	1
Pneumonia (all forms)	6	2
Appendicitis	1	-
Other digestive diseases	-	1
Nephritis	-	1
Puerperal sepsis	-	-
Other puerperal causes	-	-
Congenital causes	1	2
Senility	4	7
Suicide	-	2
Other violence	1	2
Other defined diseases	1	1
Causes ill-defined or unknown	-	-

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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

The particulars furnished in previous Annual Reports are substantially applicable, no special developments having taken place during the year.

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority:-

The Medical Officer of Health acts for the Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included. The Sanitary Inspector is also Surveyor. Both Officers devote the whole of their time to their official duties.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water:-

The Leicester Corporation's mains are laid throughout the Area, supplying practically all save outlying properties.

Rivers and Streams:-

There is no pollution. The sewage effluent is analysed quarterly and the reports from the Analyst have been systematically favourable.

Drainage and Sewerage:-

On the whole very satisfactory with ample fall, many of the sewers being of recent construction. The main sewer has been extended during the year and further extensions are now nearing completion.

Closet Accommodation:-

Approximate No. in District	(1)	Privies	Nil
	(2)	Pail Closets	51
	(3)	W.C's	1,602

There were six conversions to water-carriage during the year.

Scavenging:-

This is done weekly by direct labour, the refuse being disposed of by Controlled Tipping on a low level field near the Sewage Disposal Works. All cesspools to which carts can be taken are emptied every two months.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area:-

The Sanitary Inspector submits the following classified statement:-

Total No. of premises visited during the year ..	216
" " " complaints received during the year ..	15
" " " defects or nuisances discovered ..	129
" " " smoke " " ..	Nil
" " " inspections made for all purposes ..	1,085
" " " notices served - Informal 129. Statutory	Nil
" " " defects remedied after service of notice	121
" " " summonses issued	Nil

Premises and Occupations which can be controlled by Bye-Laws or Regulations:-

There are no Common Lodging Houses. No offensive Trade is established and there is no Canal within the area. There are no tents or vans used as dwellings.

Schools:-

The two Council Schools, Senior and Junior, are modern buildings with sound sanitation, good drainage and the public water-supply.

H O U S I N G.

Number of Houses erected during the year:-

By the Local Authority	Nil
By other bodies or persons	21

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:-

(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	89
Number of Inspections made for the purpose	129
(2) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925	21
Number of Inspections made for the purpose	37
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	21

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	15

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

A.	Proceedings under sections 9, 10 & 16 of the Housing Act, 1936	Nil
B.	Proceedings under Public Health Acts	Nil
C.	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936	Nil

4. Housing Act, 1935: Overcrowding.

(a)	i.	Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	4
	ii.	Number of families dwelling therein	4
	iii.	Number of persons dwelling therein .. .. (A child between one and ten years are reckoned as a half a unit.)	35
(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	Nil
(c)	i.	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	2
	ii.	Number of persons concerned in such cases ..	12½
(d)		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after Local Authority had taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding.	Nil

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

No infested houses have come under observation.

SWIMMING BATH.

The water in the public Swimming Bath was completely changed twice weekly during the whole of last season.

INSPECTION and SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply:-

The following particulars are furnished by the Sanitary Inspector:-

Retailers.	No. on Register	23
	No. of inspections of premises	16
	No. of contraventions found	Nil
	No. of contraventions remedied	Nil
Producers.	No. on Register	9
	No. of inspections of premises	4
	No. found to require cleaning	Nil
	No. remedied	Nil
	No. found to need structural alterations ..	Nil
	No. remedied	Nil

Approximate number of milch cows in district 194

Samples of milk were submitted for examination at the County Council's laboratory. Twenty-four samples were examined, 18 proving satisfactory and six unsatisfactory. The latter are followed up with a view to securing a greater measure of cleanliness.

Meat and other Foods:-

No. of public abattoirs in district .. ..

Private Slaughter Houses:-

	In Jan. 1937.	In Dec. 1937.
No. registered	3	3
No. licenced	3	3
No. of inspections of premises		47
No. of inspections of meat at time of slaughter		19

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle including cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed (Approximate)	634	10	2062	380
Number inspected (Approximate)	82	-	228	20
All Diseases except Tuberculosis. Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis Only. Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	-	-	-

Meat Stalls:-

No. of inspections .. .. .. Nil

Meat Shops, Meat Stores etc.

No. of inspections 31

Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale:-

No. of inspections 6

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The notified cases of Infectious Disease were as follows:-

Disease.	Cases.	Removed to Hospital.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	7	1	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Pneumonia	2	-	8

No cases of OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM came under observation.

The TUBERCULOSIS cases and deaths are classified as follows:-

Age-Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Other forms.		Respiratory.		Other forms.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
20 and under 25 years	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 " " 35 "	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Totals:-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-

The fatal cases had been previously notified.

No action was necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925, nor was any action called for under Section 62 of the Public Health Act 1925.

The following examinations were made at the County Council's Bacteriological Laboratory:-

Milk examinations	44
Sputa for tubercle bacilli	12
Urine for tubercle bacilli	5
Urine (general)	9
Swabs for Diphtheria ..	12
Sewage & water analyses ..	6
Miscellaneous	3
Total:-	91

Factories & Workshops:-

Inspections:-

Premises.	No. of Inspections.	No. of Written Notices.
Factories	4	Nil
Workshops	18	Nil
Totals:-	22	Nil

Defects:-

Found.	Remedied.
Nil	Nil

No instance of Outwork on unwholesome premises came under observation, and it was not found necessary to refer any matter to H.M. Inspector.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. O'CONNOR, M.D., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health.

Kirby Muxloe,

Leicester.

28th May, 1938.

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